

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Setuo KITA, et al.

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Group:

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Examiner:

FOR: AGENT FOR IMPARTING DURABLE LIQUID PERMEABILITY AND FIBER
APPLIED THEREWITH

Date: November 13, 2001

The Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 3 in its entirety and without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--4. (New) The fiber treating agent of claim 1 wherein
component (a) comprises potassium alkyl phosphate having C₈₋₁₄
alkyl group, component (b) comprises a C₁₄₋₂₀ trialkylglycine
hydroxide, component (c) comprises a polyoxyalkylene-modified
silicone of which the polyoxyalkylene group contains 20 weight
percent or more of polyoxyethylene and of which the molecular

weight ranges from 1,000 to 100,000, and component (d) comprises an ester of dicarboxylic acid which is maleic acid and/or phthalic acid, and alkoxyated ricinolein which is an alkylene oxide adduct of hydroxystearic acid glyceride, the ester of which hydroxyl group is esterified with a C₁₀₋₂₂ monocarboxylic acid.

5. (New) The liquid permeable fiber of claim 2 wherein component (a) comprises potassium alkyl phosphate having C₈₋₁₄ alkyl group, component (b) comprises a C₁₄₋₂₀ trialkylglycine hydroxide, component (c) comprises a polyoxyalkylene-modified silicone of which the polyoxyalkylene group contains 20 weight percent or more of polyoxyethylene and of which the molecular weight ranges from 1,000 to 100,000, and component (d) comprises an ester of dicarboxylic acid which is maleic acid and/or phthalic acid, and alkoxyated ricinolein which is an alkylene oxide adduct of hydroxystearic acid glyceride, the ester of which hydroxyl group is esterified with a C₁₀₋₂₂ monocarboxylic acid.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the subject application. Claim 3 has been cancelled and new claims 4 and 5 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are now pending in this application.

Claim 3 has been cancelled to eliminate its multiple

dependency and new claims 4 and 5 correspond to claim 3 rewritten in single dependent form.

No new matter has been added and applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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